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Attaching A Tracking Device To An)	
Instrument)	
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that the following reference(s) be considered in the examination of the above-identified patent application:

A1	5,987,960	Nov. 23, 1999	Messner, et al.
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The above-identified reference is listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and a copy is enclosed herewith.

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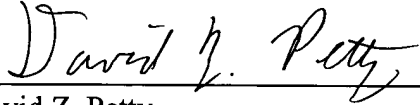
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Consideration of the above-identified references in the examination of the present patent application is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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